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Subject: From NPS.gov: Turner River Trails

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ORV Committee:

I am very concerned about the NPS decision to make Turner River a designated trail only area. I was out there 2 weeks before the annual closure, and there is no evidence of any new trails being marked. The current "marked" trail system does not provide adequate access to the areas that are most productive for hunting. Furthermore, anyone who frequents the preserve knows that NPS' buggys cannot access many areas when they are "dry," let alone when the water is high during the summer. NPS needs to delay the designated trails only rule in this unit until such time that an adequate trail system can be established.

The current trend of the NPS catering to a handful of environmentalists who do not even use the preserve is a disgrace to our constitutional right to access this land as citizens and tax payers. The REAL conservationists are the sportsmen who have been using this land for decades, have a true love for it, and understand the beauty and majic that surround this place.

The true enemies of the preserve are the people who are now accessing the area so easily because of the hardened trail built to cater to the environmentalists. Those who go to the area just to joyride and tear up the land doing donuts on their ATVs, vandalizing private AND public property, and then posting it on youtube. If there were no hardened trails, I doubt that these people would have the determination and love for the area needed to persevere in the real swamp.

I, and all my friends who use and love this area implore you to please stop this gradual progression towards the complete closure of the preserve due to a few people.

Thank you for your time.